



compensation to petitioners. On March 14, 2016, the undersigned issued a decision adopting the parties' stipulation for an award. See Decision on J. Stip., filed Mar. 14, 2016.

On April 14, 2016, petitioners filed an application for attorneys' fees and costs. Petitioners requests a total award of attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$22,121.37. Application for Fees and Costs at 1, filed Apr. 14, 2016. In accordance with General Order #9, petitioners represent that they incurred reimbursable costs in pursuit of this claim in the amount of \$1,445.00. Id.

On May 2, 2016, respondent filed a response to petitioners' application for attorneys' fees and costs, indicating that "respondent does not object to the overall amount sought, as it is not an unreasonable amount to have incurred for proceeding in this case to date." Response at 1, filed May 2, 2016. Respondent further stated that her "lack of objection to the amount sought in this case should not be construed as an admission, concession, or waiver as to the hourly rates requested, the number of hours billed, or the other litigation related costs." Id.

The undersigned has reviewed the billing records and documentation of costs, and finds them reasonable. The Vaccine Act permits an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300 aa-15(e). Based on the reasonableness of petitioners' request, the undersigned **GRANTS** the request for approval and payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Accordingly, an award should be made as follows:

- (1) in the form of a check jointly payable to petitioners and to petitioners' attorney, Clifford J. Shoemaker, of Shoemaker, Gentry & Knickelbein, in the amount of \$22,121.37; and**
- (2) in the form of a check payable to petitioners only, in the amount of \$1,445.00.**

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court **SHALL ENTER JUDGMENT** in accordance herewith.<sup>3</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/ Thomas L. Gowen**  
Thomas L. Gowen  
Special Master

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<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment is expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.